

In the matter of Docket 2004-17005

I would like to very strongly request that the proposed permanent ADIZ restriction NOT be implemented.

I have been an active pilot for fifty-nine and one half years. My total flight time is around 38,000 hours. I currently fly approximately two hundred and fifty hours a year.

In the one hundred and three years since Orville soloed, our industry has developed a multitude of practical solutions to the equitable use of the skies above us. Full freedom for aviators has been tempered by concerns of general safety for the rest of the public.

The regulations in place before September 11, 2001 provide a very fair and equitable method of allowing for individual freedom of travel without exposing others to unreasonable danger.

The Transportation Safety Administration has unfairly singled out aviation as the segment of the public that must be contained to provide a perception that they are doing something to add to the safety of those who are afraid of terrorist action.

There has never been any terrorist action taken using a small airplane.

Automobiles and trucks have been used for terror many times, yet no one is suggesting that all automobile and all truck traffic be constrained to non-metropolitan areas.

To do so would be stupid and show that Osama has won.

The current aviation restrictions do show that Osama has won.

He wanted to destroy a major portion of our economy. With the aid of the FAA and the TSA, he has readily attained one of his major goals.

Rather than make the totally unnecessary and useless restrictions we currently live under permanent, we should cancel all temporary flight restrictions and return to the use of the Federal Air Regulation procedures that were in use prior to 9-11-01.

Those rules were developed by compromises between all concerned parties. That is the proper way to solve such issues.

Not only do I firmly oppose the idea of a permanent ADIZ over the Washington DC area, I strongly suggest that it is time to show Osama that he has not beaten us by removing all such restrictions to normal air commerce.

Sincerely;

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